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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. UNDERWOOD).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 20, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LAUREN UNDERWOOD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

RECOGNIZING BRENDAN BRIDGES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the hard work and dedication of Brendan Bridges as he retires from service as Greensburg Police Chief.

First joining the department in 2001, Chief Bridges served as a patrol officer and detective before being promoted as police chief in 2014.

Chief Bridges is turning a chapter and becoming the resource officer in

Greensburg Community Schools system.

Madam Speaker, I thank Chief Bridges for his service to our community, and on behalf of Indiana's Sixth District I would like to wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

SHELBY COUNTY'S BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Shelby County, Indiana, on the bicentennial anniversary of its founding.

Created in 1821 by the Indiana General Assembly, Shelby County is a doughnut county of the greater Indianapolis area.

With a population of around 45,000 people, Shelby County is the home of the 21st Vice President of the United States, Thomas Hendricks.

Shelby County is predominantly built around its manufacturing and agriculture communities that continue to attract investment from companies around the globe.

Congratulations to Shelby County on your 200th anniversary, and I wish you the best of luck for the next 200 years.

UNION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Union County, Indiana, on the bicentennial anniversary of its founding.

Two hundred years ago, the Indiana State legislature authorized the creation of Union County by ceding land from Fayette, Franklin, and Wayne Counties.

With a small population of around 7,000 people, Union County is a community based on agriculture and farming.

Union County also attracts tens of thousands of visitors annually to visit the picturesque Whitewater Memorial State Park and the beautiful Brookville Lake.

Congratulations to Union County for its bicentennial anniversary, and I wish them the best of luck for the next 200 years.

IN MEMORY OF LARRY JACKSON

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of my very dear friend, Larry Jackson. Larry was an honest, hardworking Hoosier who always put family first.

Larry leaves behind his wonderful wife of 56 years, Judy Jackson, and his five children and grandchildren.

Larry was a devoted member of the St. Bartholomew Catholic Church and a dedicated man of faith.

My condolences and prayers go out to Judy and the entire Jackson family. God bless them.

A BIG VICTORY FOR HOOSIERS

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the favorable outcome we were able to secure for Indiana's Sixth District regarding the OMB MSA core population threshold.

Had a revised policy been adopted, Federal funding opportunities for Hoosiers in Indiana would have been severely reduced.

This is a big victory for midsized communities.

Hoosier cities and countless others across the Nation would have unnecessarily lost out on Federal reserves because of Washington's shortsightedness.

I am proud to have led my colleagues on a commonsense issue like this.

STAND FOR LIFE

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to implore my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to reconsider their mission to defeat the Hyde amendment.

The greatness of a free society can best be measured by how it cares for the most vulnerable, especially the unborn.

This legislative body has had a long-standing and bipartisan provision that prevents American taxpayer dollars from being used to fund abortions, and we cannot end this practice now.

Furthermore, it is why I signed on to cosponsor H.R. 18.

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I am again urging my colleagues today to join me in always standing for life.

INFLATION IS TAXATION

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the growing inflation crisis that threatens our Hoosier way of life back home in Indiana's Sixth District.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle are now trying to ram through a bipartisan \$3.5 trillion package that will stick middle-class families with higher taxes and lower wages.

This hyper-partisan spending spree is a tax hike and a pay cut for every American.

It is simple: Inflation is taxation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LEONA JANE BROWN FERNANDER SAMUDA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. ADAMS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, I am honored today to stand on the floor of the House of Representatives to pay tribute to and to honor the life of a trusted friend of 4 decades, a cherished mentor, and an extraordinary woman of faith, Mrs. Leona Jane Brown Fernander Samuda.

Rosie, as I knew her and she was fondly referred to by her family and friends, passed away on June 14, 2021.

I extend my sympathy and condolences and prayers along with the more than 700,000 citizens of North Carolina's Twelfth Congressional District to the Brown, Fernander, Samuda families during this difficult time.

Born in Alice Town, Eleuthera, Bahamas, Rosie was a woman who spoke her mind, never mincing words, always genuinely wise in thought and deeds.

A mother, grandmother, great-grandmother who raised six children, five boys and one girl, she was the rock and fortress of her family.

A matriarch to family and community, Rosie shared her many talents, including cooking her favorite mac and cheese to the love she and I both had for wearing hats.

Rosie's glowing smile, the infectious personality that she had, and always a few jokes, made her a lover of people who loved her back.

A global citizen, she never met a stranger and was genuinely interested in the politics of every community where she lived, from the Parliament in her native Bahamas to the Black community politics in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Always engaging, interacting with political leaders, advocating for human and civil rights, Rosie never ceased to make her opinions known.

Rosie's contributions were extensive and her lessons invaluable. Rosie loved children and she became an entrepreneur and a businesswoman who owned and operated Aunt Jane's Edu Care for preschoolers.

Widely traveled, living in places such as Switzerland, Chippingham, and as a resident in my district in Charlotte, she studied and earned her degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Small in stature, Rosie was a mighty little giant who made an indelible impact on so many people for more than eight decades, and I was blessed to have known her and have her as a friend.

Mrs. Leona Jane Brown Fernander Samuda, dedicated woman of faith, gained the respect of men, women, and little children, and she made this world much better than she found it.

She served to fulfill the scripture in Psalm 84:10, which says: "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked."

Rest in peace, Rosie. We love you. We miss you.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF TONY LEE DILL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and honor the memory of Tony Lee Dill, a west Texas farmer, who I had the privilege of representing and the great blessing of calling my friend.

Tony was born on June 3, 1960, to G.W. and Sue Dill in Terry County, Texas. Tony had a lifelong passion for the land and a love for people that was second to none.

Tony wasn't just a great farmer, he was a great leader, dedicating much of his life to being a voice for agriculture in rural America. He was absolutely committed to public service for his community, for his industry, and for the country he loved.

When I first met Tony, he was president of the Western Peanut Growers Association.

Tony was the epitome of a west Texan and a great American farmer. Tony was honest, humble, and hard-working. Tony was a gentleman, a man of great faith and love for the Lord, and he was happiest when he was with his family, his beloved wife, Donna, five children, and eight grandchildren.

I know they miss Tony something fierce, and I do, too, but I am confident that Tony is in the presence of the great farmer, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, and all that share Tony's faith will be with him for all eternity.

God bless and go west Texas.

HONORING JOSH BARTLETT

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, last week west Texas witnessed an unspeakable tragedy. One of Lubbock County's true heroes, Sergeant Josh Bartlett, lost his life in the line of duty. Our hearts are heavy with grief for the Bartlett family, and our prayers are with them along with the in-

jured officers and their families, especially including Sergeant Shawn Wilson.

Sergeant Bartlett dedicated his life to the sacred calling of wearing the uniform in defense of his country and community, honorably protecting and serving his fellow Americans. We are all heartbroken for his wife Rebecca and their children, Zachary, Christian, Logan and Kasidy. Like so many in law enforcement, Josh watched over our families while taking care of his own as a husband and a father.

We must never forget that the men and women in blue represent the very best of our Nation, the bravest and most dedicated among our citizens. We all owe them the highest respect and deepest gratitude for their willingness to sacrifice their lives to protect ours.

West Texas, Madam Speaker, is a family, and west Texans unapologetically, unreservedly love and respect our brothers and sisters in law enforcement. We know they stand between us and the bad guys, and we stand with them and their families, especially in these times of sorrow and loss.

May God comfort all the families affected in this tragedy, and may He protect and keep those who keep watch over us along the thin blue line.

CONGRATULATING THE NEW DEAL LIONS

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the New Deal Lions on winning their first 2A baseball State championship.

The Lions' State championship win comes after a playoff loss in regionals and a 2020 season where they canceled six games due to COVID. Fueled by those setbacks, the New Deal Lions took head coach Jason Ybarra's motto, "Unfinished Business," to heart during the 2021 season.

Led by Kyler Reed, Harley Patterson, and Noah Rodriguez as team captains, the New Deal Lions season included not only a State championship, Madam Speaker, but a 13 and 0 record district play.

Kyler Reed retained district MVP, Harley Patterson was named offensive MVP, Tanner Seeley was awarded defensive MVP, and Noah Rodriguez was recognized as the Newcomer of the Year.

So congratulations to Lion Nation. This team of young men, along with their coach, represent the west Texas value of hard work and dedication and the west Texas spirit of excellence in all things.

God bless and go west Texas.

HONORING THE HEROES FROM THE MOVIE THEATER SHOOTING IN AURORA, COLORADO, ON JULY 20, 2012

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. PERLMUTTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroes from